

mashed potato for my dinner!" cried Dorothy Ann. "I don't like mashed potato. Why don't I have things that I like, mamma?"

Dollikins' cheeks grew quite red. She remembered saying something very like this at the luncheon the day before.

"I am not a bit sleepy," wailed Dorothy Ann. "Why do I have to go to bed at seven o'clock, mamma? Other little girls don't have to. I wish—"

"Dorothy Ann," said Dollikins, "will you please not talk any more? It makes my head ache!"

Then it was very still.

In the morning Dollikins went over and took up Dorothy Ann and looked at her. The red lips were smiling as ever, but tight shut.

"Good-morning, Dorothy Ann," said Dollikins. "I am very glad you do not know how to talk, my dear, for then you might be a sore trial to your mother."—*Selected.*

WHAT TO TEACH BOYS

A philosopher has said that true education of boys is to "teach them what they ought to know when they become men."

1. To be true and to be genuine. No education is worth anything that does not include this. A man had better not know how to read—he had better never learn a letter in the alphabet, and be true, genuine in intention and in action—rather than be learned in all sciences and in all languages, to be at the same time false in heart and counterfeit in life. Above all things, teach boys that truth is more than riches, more than earthly power or possessions.

2. To be pure in thought, language and life—pure in mind and in body.

3. To be unselfish. To care for the feeling and comforts of others. To be generous, noble and manly. This will include a genuine reverence for the aged and for things sacred.

4. To be self-reliant and self-helpful, even from childhood. To be industrious always, and self-supporting at the earliest proper age. Teach them that all honest work is honorable, that an idle life of dependence on others is disgraceful.

When a boy has learned these four things, when he has made these ideas a part of his being—however poor, or however rich—he has learned the most important things he ought to know when he becomes a man.—*Parish Visitor.*

A Christian who engages in any lawful business is honoring God. He may be just as heavenly-minded in trade as in preaching the gospel.

A man lives by believing something, not by debating and arguing about many things.

The Christian Life

Thy Will Be Done

We see not, know not; all our way
Is night,—with thee alone is day:
From out the torrent's troubled drift,
Above the storm our prayers we lift,
Thy will be done!

The flesh may fail, the heart may faint,
But who are we to make complaint,
Or dare to plead, in times like these,
The weakness of our love of ease?
Thy will be done!

We take with solemn thankfulness
Our burden up, nor ask it less,
And count it joy that even we
May suffer, serve, or wait for thee
Whose will be done!

Though dim as yet in tint and line,
We trace thy picture's wise design,
And thank thee that our age supplies
Its dark relief of sacrifice—
Thy will be done!

And, if in our unworthiness,
Thy sacrificial wine we press;
If from thy ordeal's heated bars
Our feet are seamed with crimson scars,
Thy will be done!

If, for the age to come, this hour
Of trial hath vicarious power,
And, blest by thee, our present pain,
Be Liberty's eternal gain,
Thy will be done!

Strike, thou the Master, we thy keys,
The anthem of the destinies!
The minor of thy loftier strain,
Our hearts shall breathe the old refrain,
Thy will be done!

—John G. Whittier.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

THE PROPHETS—ZEPHANIAH—NO. 2

IV. Sins of the People

1. Idolatry. ch. 1: 4, 5.
2. Backsliding. ch. 1: 6.
3. Refusing to seek the Lord. ch. 1: 6.
4. Pride in wearing apparel. ch. 1: 8, last clause.
5. Thievery. ch. 1: 9.
6. Stagnant wealth which leads to denial of God's providence. ch. 1: 12 and 18. See Jer. 48: 11.
7. Contempt and reviling of God's people. ch. 2: 8, 9.
8. Living carelessly. ch. 2: 15.
9. Gluttony and oppression. ch. 3: 1. margin. Prov. 23: 21.
10. Disobedience and unbelief. ch. 3: 2.
11. Cruelty and injustice. ch. 3: 3.
12. Frivolity, Treachery and violence to law. ch. 3: 4.
13. Pollution of God's Temple. ch. 3: 4.
14. Jno. 2: 13-17. 1 Cor. 3: 16, 17.
15. Corrupt doings in every way. ch. 3: 7. Gen. 6: 12.
16. Pride and haughtiness. ch. 3: 11.

The opposite of all these sins are qualities which God desires his people to have, and lacking them they will be punished as was Israel.

III. Teachings

1. Did you ever notice how much stress these prophets lay upon right living?
2. There is a time coming when these

sins will no longer be found among God's people.

3. God punished the people not because he delighted to afflict them, but that through punishment they might learn the cost of sin. Punishment is redemptive as well as retributive.

4. How nearly like these evil people mentioned here are some people in the church of God today!

5. The sinful people in the church and in the world are the cause of all connected with them suffering. Innocent people are often involved in the punishment of the evil, even as evil people share the blessings which come on the good.

6. The good people ought like this prophet to be seeking to get the evil to be good in church, and in the world, in private affairs, in city affairs and in state concerns.

7. "The laws of changeless justice bind
Oppressor with oppressed;
And close as sin and suffering joined
We march to fate abreast."

In this very fact lies the cogent, selfish reason for our being an evangelistic and missionary people. We are suffering today because Spain is only half civilized. Christians are persecuted because there are hypocrites in the church and evil men outside. We ought to do our utmost to make them Christ like. Let us begin in earnest.

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How True

Dr. Washington Gladden.

Too long have we been willing to put that kingdom which Christ came to found away beyond the stars; to interpret all his glowing words about it as the description of some visionary state which has no relation to this world. That was not the purpose of his mission; that is not the meaning of his gospel. In his prayer there is no intimation of a wish that we may go to heaven; it is a prayer whose sole burden is that heaven may be brought to earth.

Pray for Spain

Christian Standard (Philadelphia.)

First, because she is our enemy. Pray for your enemies. Second, because she is despicable and cruel. Pray for the worst of the prodigals, that he may return to the Father's house. Have you prayed for Spain at the family altar, in the church, in the young people's meeting? If not, hasten to do so, for it is Christlike to pray for enemies. Why should we permit the higher elements of our religion to fail us at these critical moments? Let us be wise and tender as the Christ.

The Book Will Tell

Christian Standard.

A real Christian will be a true lover of the Bible. There is scarcely a better test. If the novel or the newspaper takes the place of the Bible on his table or in his mind, then it is clear that the world has taken the place of God in his heart. If a man's Bible be clean and bright and unsullied by use, undefiled